GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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JOBS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Raw Material Division under the Steel Authority of India has carried outmining work in Gairtalai Village in Katni district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the company had acquired the lands of the farmers of Gairtalai Village and surrounding areas on lease for 20 years for the Steel Mines;

(c) if so, whether the Management of SAIL has promised to provide jobs to the educated unemployed youths of the farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the SAIL is not vacating the lands of the farmers even after the expiry of the period of lease deed;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; (g) whether the SAIL has ruined the land by digging the fields and SAIL is not carrying outthe levelling work in these fields; (h) if so, the details thereof; and (i) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY)

(a) & (b): The Raw Material Division of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is doing Mining work at its Kuteshwar Limestone Mines near Gairtalai Village in Katni District ofMadhya Pradesh. The Lands of farmers of Gairtalai Village and its surroundings areas were acquired by the government of Madhya Pradesh. The state government granted a mining lease to the Company for a period of 20 years w.e.f. June 1971. Subsequently, the lease was renewed for another 10 years i.e. upto June, 2001.

(c) to (f): The policy of SAIL had been that preference would be given to suitable personsfrom the families of farmers whose land was acquired subject to availability of jobs, suitability of the candidates and other formalities as per rules. Accordingly, 163 such persons had been given employment. Since the lease has been renewed for another 10 years, the question of vacating the lands does not arise.

(g) to (i): Mining activities and installation of infrastructure required for the same has been undertaken on the acquired lands. The lease was taken for mining activity and only such activities have been undertaken by SAIL.As mining work is still continuing in these areas, the question of levelling does not arise.